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WACO, TEXAS

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## **COURSE SYLLABUS AND INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**United States History I  
HIST 1301 – C38**

**Kenneth Heller**

**This is a 16-week Course**

### **COVID 19 Notice:**

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

**Course Description:**

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the Civil War/Reconstruction period. United States History I includes the study of pre-Columbian, colonial, revolutionary, early national, slavery and sectionalism, and the Civil War/Reconstruction eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History I include: American settlement and diversity, American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, and creation of the federal government. Semester Hours 3 (Lecture Course)

**Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

Prerequisite: Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI or credit for READ 0302

**Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

As in any college course, it is vital that the students keep up with the reading assignments, complete work on time, and participate in discussion boards. Note keeping and organization is the key to high performance on examinations and maximizing learning. Engaging in classwork is highly encouraged as we all learn from each other in a culturally and ethnically diverse classroom setting.

**Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Kenneth Heller

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Office/Teacher Conference Hours: 7:45 – 8:30 and by appointment

Other Instruction Information: additional email: Kenneth.heller@wacoisd.org

**Required Text & Materials:**

Title: “Give Me Liberty: An American History”

Author: Foner

Edition: 6<sup>th</sup> Brief

Publisher: W.W. Norton & Company, Incorporated

ISBN: 9780393445954

Title: “Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass”

Author: Douglass

Edition: 2nd

Publisher: Bedford St. Martin’s

ISBN: 9780312257378

**MCC Bookstore Website:** <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

**Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

Students will participate in interactive/Zoom/prerecorded class discussions with PowerPoint presentations to guide the students' learning. Students will analyze primary sources, make inferences, and present their findings to the class via Discussion Boards and/or unit assignments. Students will be assessed thorough quizzes, written analysis, and analytical thinking and creative projects assignments.

**Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

**Critical Thinking:**

Through lectures and a variety of analytical strategies, students will be measured on critical thinking abilities. Independent examinations will specifically be used to assess critical thinking. Other assessment will include essays, primary source activities, and presentations.

**Communication:**

Measured through objective tests, written assignments, discussions, and presentations measuring the student's ability to communicate.

**Social Responsibility:**

Because the teaching of history involves recalling examples of successes and failures in social responsibility, and the continual importance of this issue politically and personally today, social responsibility obviously is emphasized. Assessment measures may include readings, primary and secondary source documents, quizzes, exams, discussions, monologue readings and analytical essays.

**Personal Responsibility:**

The teaching of history also involves evoking examples of accomplishments and disappointments in personal responsibility, and the consequences that personal choices can have, so personal responsibility is logically emphasized. Assessment measures may include class participation, readings, monologue exams, discussions and essays.

**Course Outline or Schedule:**

**Introduction Week** August 22 – August 28

**Unit 1** – Ch 1 and 2

August 29 – September 11

Unit 1 assignments completed by midnight September 11

**Unit 2** – Ch 3 and 4

September 12 – September 25

Unit 2 assignments completed by midnight September 25

**Unit 3** – Ch 5 and 6

September 26 – October 9

Unit 3 assignments completed by midnight October 9

**Unit 4** – Ch 7 and 8

October 10 – October 23

Unit 4 assignments completed by midnight October 23

**Unit 5** – Ch 10 and 12

October 24 – November 6

Unit 5 assignments completed by midnight November 6

**Frederick Douglass Examination** – Complete by November 13

**Unit 6** – Ch 13 and 14

November 14 – December 4

Unit 6 assignments completed by midnight December 4

**Final Examination completed by midnight December 6**

**Grades due to MCC on December 7**

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| Unit         | Assignment                       | Points Possible | Points Earned |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Introduction | Discussion Board                 | 20              |               |
| Week         | Orientation Assignment           | 20              |               |
| 1            | Discussion Board X 2             | 40              |               |
|              | Unit Assignment                  | 50              |               |
|              | Quiz                             | 40              |               |
| 2            | Discussion Board X 2             | 40              |               |
|              | Unit Assignment                  | 50              |               |
|              | Quiz                             | 40              |               |
| 3            | Discussion Board X 2             | 40              |               |
|              | Unit Assignment                  | 50              |               |
|              | Quiz                             | 40              |               |
| 4            | Discussion Board X 2             | 40              |               |
|              | Unit Assignment                  | 50              |               |
|              | Quiz                             | 40              |               |
| 5            | Discussion Board X 2             | 40              |               |
|              | Unit Assignment                  | 50              |               |
|              | Quiz                             | 40              |               |
|              | “Frederick Douglass” Examination | 80              |               |
| 6            | Discussion Board X 2             | 40              |               |
|              | Unit Assignment                  | 50              |               |
|              | Quiz                             | 40              |               |
|              | Final Examination                | 100             |               |
| Total        |                                  | 1000            |               |

The following grading scale applies:

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|----------|---|
| 900-1000 | A |
| 800-899  | B |
| 700-799  | C |
| 600-699  | D |
| 0-599    | F |

**Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:**

Assigned work **will not be accepted** past the scheduled due date except only for extreme legitimate emergencies approved by the instructor. The course calendar shows the final date work will be excepted and after that time you will be locked out from submitting. If you know you will have difficulties completing assignments, please discuss this with me ahead of time. Being present in class is vital to your success. If you miss class discussions, lectures are available to you in Brightspace so you do not lose critical academic information due to an absence. Please note that per policy, students will not be dropped after the last day of the student-initiated drops without a compelling reason. A failing grade in the course is NOT a legitimate reason.

**Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:**

Behavior is vital in the college classroom. Professional conduct and respect to all regardless of race, creed, national origin, religion and sexual orientation is not negotiable. This course will present many new concepts in social, political, and religious ideologies and just because a student does not agree with a concept does not give an individual the right to disrespect another's beliefs. Students have the right to personal thought but only tolerance will be expressed verbally.

\* [Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](http://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies)  
([www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies](http://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies))

Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have guidelines specific to this course.

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## ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

### **Accommodations/ADA Statement:**

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit <https://www.mclennan.edu/disability/>.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

[disabilities@mclennan.edu](mailto:disabilities@mclennan.edu)

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

### **Title IX:**

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at [titleix@mclennan.edu](mailto:titleix@mclennan.edu) or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <https://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/incidentLandingPageV2-MCC.asp>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at <https://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/>. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you

or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

**Student Support/Resources:**

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>.

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing [SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu](mailto:SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu). Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

**MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:**

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at [https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency\\_Grant\\_Application.pdf](https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).

**MCC Academic Integrity Statement:**

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity/> for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

**Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:**

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

**Minimum Technical Skills:**

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.



**Backup Plan for Technology:**

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

**Email Policy:**

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy regarding college email, which can be found at <https://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/student-email/>.

**Instructional Uses of Email:**

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

**Email on Mobile Devices:**

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email [Helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:Helpdesk@mclennan.edu) for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

**Forwarding Emails:**

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email [helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mclennan.edu).

**Disclaimer:**

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.